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Overview

Alan advises companies on managing risk and protecting valuable business assets, including trade secrets and intellectual property in high-stakes litigation. He also counsels businesses on employing foreign nationals and assists individuals with visas, work authorization, permanent residency, and citizenship, helping clients navigate complex immigration matters.

Representative Matters

- Advised Currier Plastics in its investment partnership with Sheridan Capital Partners.
- Represented leading plastics manufacturers in the acquisition and sale of diversified lines of businesses.
- Obtained patents for unique production processes used in the manufacturing of injection molded parts.
- Successfully secured exits from OEM life-of-program contracts with no cost or liability to various Tier 1 and Tier 2 molders.
- Provide regular guidance on the propriety of environmental marketing claims to a leading global plastics company promoting sustainability.
- Represented a private equity-backed manufacturer of machine tools in its acquisition of a company specializing in plastic injection molding and precision machined components for telecom equipment.

- Represented a global leader in the formulation, development, and manufacture of performance polymer solutions in its acquisition of a developer of premium thermoplastic elastomer (TPE) materials for manufacturers across North America, Asia and Europe.
- Represented a public, world-leading polymers group in its acquisition of a provider of high-quality thermoplastic elastomers serving clients across the United States.

Credentials

EDUCATION

- Case Western Reserve University School of Law, 1989, J.D.
- University of Michigan, 1985, B.A., German

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Florida
- Ohio
- Washington D.C.
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

Memberships

- Board Member/General Counsel, Manufacturers Association of Plastic Processors (MAPP), 2009-present
- Board Member/General Counsel, American Mold Builders Association (AMBA), 2011-present
- Steering Committee Member, Multi-State Employer's Council, 2011-present
- Member, International Medical Graduate Taskforce, 2011-present
- Board Member, American Society of Additive Manufacturing, 2016-present

- Past Chairperson, Akron Urban League Board of Directors, 2016-2023
- Past Chairperson of Trade Secret Committee, American Bar Association, Intellectual Property Section, 2011-2013
- Board of Directors, Portage Country Club, 2023

Awards & Recognition

- Highest peer review rating from Martindale-Hubbell (the premier global association of lawyers)
- Selected as Fellow, Akron Bar Foundation
- Selected as Fellow, American Bar Foundation
- Selected to Lawdragon 100 Leading Immigration Lawyers (2026)
- Listed, *The Best Lawyers in America®*, Commercial Litigation; Trade Secrets Law (2022-2027)
- Selected for Ohio Super Lawyers list for business litigation/intellectual property litigation (2012-2023)
- Kentucky Colonel, awarded by Commonwealth of Kentucky for contributions to the plastics industry (2018)
- ABA Section of Intellectual Property, Recognition of Outstanding Leadership Contribution (2013)

Beyond the office

Hobbies

Skiing, piano, stamp collecting

Prized Possession

Autographed Seinfeld script, Soup Nazi episode and Michigan letter jacket

Favorite Quote

“If you’re not first, you’re last.” - Ricky Bobby

News & Insights

- 126 Benesch Attorneys Recognized in 2027 Best Lawyers® Rankings
  August 20, 2026 | Press Releases
- Updates to Fees and Grace Periods for Nonimmigrant Visas
  August 11, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights

- Lawdragon Names Benesch Partner Alan Rothenbuecher Among Leading Immigration Lawyers of 2026
  May 15, 2026 | Press Releases
- ProgramBusiness Features Benesch Partner Alan Rothenbuecher in Immigration Enforcement Risk Management Article
  March 12, 2026 | Media Mentions
- The Trump Administration Pauses Diversity Visa Lottery
  December 19, 2025 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Mission India Update Following Implementation of Online Presence Review - Widespread Rescheduling of H-1B and H-4 Visa Appointments
  December 12, 2025 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Expanded Social Media Screening for H-1B and H-4 Visa Applicants
  December 8, 2025 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Tracking “Project Firewall” and Its Significant Expansion of H-1B Enforcement Activity
  December 4, 2025 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Benesch Advises Currier Plastics in Investment by Sheridan Capital Partners, Accelerating Growth in Healthcare Manufacturing
  October 3, 2025 | Press Releases
- New $100,000 Fee and Entry Restrictions for H-1B Workers: What Employers Need to Know Now
  September 21, 2025 | Client Alerts & Insights

Speaking & Events

PAST EVENTS

- What Lies Ahead: Immigration Enforcement and Supply Chain Risk | H. Alan Rothenbuecher
  October 4, 2026 - October 7, 2026 | Speaking Engagement
- Supply Chain and Supply Contracts: Strategies for Protecting Margin | H. Alan Rothenbuecher, Megan K. MacCallum
  September 29, 2026 - October 1, 2026 | Speaking Engagement
- When ICE Shows Up: A Practical Guide for Employers | H. Alan Rothenbuecher
  August 3, 2026 | Speaking Engagement
- Navigating ICE Encounters: Legal Preparedness for Trucking Employers and Dispatch Teams | H. Alan Rothenbuecher,
  August 2, 2026 - August 4, 2026 | Speaking Engagement
- Supplier Contracts: Protecting Your Margin | H. Alan Rothenbuecher
  June 23, 2026 | Firm Events